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FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA
TO AMEMBASSY NAIROBI IMMEDIATE
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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 3832

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, KE, ET
SUBJ: ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION TO KENYATTA FUNERAL

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1. ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION WHICH WENT TO NAIROBI WAS SIGNIFI-
CANTLY DIFFERENT FROM THAT WHICH HAD BEEN PLANNED (REFTEL).

2. ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION IS:

A. HEAD OF DELEGATION CAPT FIKRE-SELASSIE WOGDERESS, PMAC
SECRETARY GENERAL. THEORETICALLY NO 2 IN ETHIOPIAN GOVERN-
MENT, FIKRE-SELASSIE HAS BEEN IN ALMOST TOTAL ECLIPSE FOR
LAST MONTH AFTER HAVING RECEIVED ALMOST DAILY PUBLICITY FOR
HIS ACTIVITIES OVER AN EXTENDED PERIOD. THIS HAD LED TO
WIDESPREAD RUMORS THAT HE EITHER HAD BEEN OR WOULD BE PURGED.
FIKRE-SELASSIE IS A YOUNG, SHALLOW, LIGHTWEIGHT, MOSTLY
NOTED FOR HIS VICIOUSLY ANTI-US PRONOUNCEMENTS ON THE US
DOMESTIC SCENE, PARTICULARLY RACE RELATIONS. DO NOT BELIEVE
SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION BY YOU WITH HIM WOULD BE VERY PRO-
DUCTIVE.

B. MAJOR KASSAHUN TAFESSE, PMAC STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBER
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IN CHARGE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY, 35 YEARS OLD,
CHARACTERIZED IN PAST AS LAZY, DISHONEST AND A FOLLOWER,
NOT A LEADER; WAS NOT WELL REGARDED AS A MILITARY OFFICER.

C. COL LEGESSE WOLDE-MARIAM, MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR,
POLICE BACKGROUND, LAWYER, MASTERS DEGREE IN LAW FROM
GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, MASTERS DEGREE IN CRIMINOLOGY

FROM OTTAWA UNIVERSITY.

D. EZZEDIN (AHA IZZEDIN) ALI, MINISTER OF MINES, ENERGY AND WATER RESOURCES; LONG TIME PROFESSIONAL MINING ENGINEER IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES; HAS STUDIED AT COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES AND ARIZONA UNIVERSITY (B.S.), AS WELL AS IN AUSTRIA AND AUSTRALIA; NO KNOWN PLLITICAL CLOUT OR ACCESS TO PMAC.

3. MAJOR FISSEHA GEDA, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL IN THE PMAC CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE; WELL REGARDED BY THE PMAC, FISSEHA WAS APPOINTED TO THIS NEWLY CREATED POSITION ON AUG 5; HE HAS HAD EXTENSIVE CONTACTS WITH THE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY AND SHOULD BE APPROACHABLE.

3. NONE OF ABOVE SEEM WORTHY OF SPENDING A GREAT DEAL OF ENERGY CULTIVATING.
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